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How to Renew an Expiring Green Card

Chicago, IL - The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Chicago issued a reminder today to those lawful permanent residents who were issued a "Green Card" about ten years ago that their cards will be expiring soon and they will need to renew them. The INS began implementing Green Card expiration dates ten years ago in 1989 to utilize new card technologies and increase the card's resistance to counterfeiting and tampering.

Lawful permanent residents with expiring green cards will not lose their legal status in the United States. The expiration of the card does not signify that the card holder's immigration status expires or changes. However, card holders will need to renew their expiring green cards in order to maintain acceptable evidence of their permanent resident status. Green card holders with expired cards may experience difficulties in obtaining employment benefits and during re-entry into the United States after traveling abroad.

Card holders who live in Illinois and have an expiring card must complete Form I-90 ("Application to Replace a Permanent Resident Card"). This form can be obtained by calling the INS Forms Line at 1-800-870-3676, or by accessing the INS website at www.ins.usdoj.gov. This application should be mailed with the \$110 fee and two photographs to:

**INS
P.O. Box 3462
Chicago, IL 60604.**

Once the INS receives the application, the applicant will receive an appointment letter to come to the INS office at 10 West Jackson Boulevard in Chicago to have a fingerprint taken. Card holders should bring a valid passport with them so INS can place a temporary stamp there as proof of residency while the new card is processed. This stamp is temporary proof of legal resident status and is valid for all purposes, including employment and travel abroad.

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